Sources of Funding Assistance And/or Rehabilitation Equipment Loans Programs

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The workshop was hosted by the provincial government. Input into the planning for the workshop was also provided by a number of disability related community groups on behalf of the New Brunswick Disability Executives Network.

Following the workshop on September 28, the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons prepared an updated version of this material and placed it on their website at www.gnb.ca/0048/.

Please advise the Premier's Council of any additions/deletions to be made.

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GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1) Public School System

Anglophone Districts
Department of Education
Student Services
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Contact: Robert Gerard, Director
Telephone: (506) 444-4711
Fax: (506) 457-7835
Website: www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp

Francophone districts
Department of Education
Student Services
C.P. 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Gina St-Laurent, Director
Telephone: (506) 453-2750
Fax: (506) 453-7835
Website: www.gnb.ca/0000/index-f.asp

The public school system does provide some items of equipment required by students with disabilities to be able to participate. These items would include communication aids, computers, and other assistive technology.

2) There are special resources available for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and for students who are blind or visually impaired.

Anglophone Districts
Department of Education
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Website: www.apsea.ca

Educational Services for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Joan Skinner, Provincial Supervisor
Telephone: (506) 444-4712
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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-2001
Fax: (506) 453-7478
Website: www.gnb.ca/0017/index-e.asp

Regional offices:

Fredericton	1 (866) 444-8838	Miramichi	1 (866) 441-4246
Acadian Peninsula	1 (866) 441-4149	Edmundston	1 (866) 441-4249
Restigouche	1 (866) 441-4245	Saint John	1 (866) 441-4340
Moncton	1 (866) 426-5191	Chaleur	1 (866) 441-4341

1) The Health Services Program

The Health Services Program under Family and Community Services also referred to as the "health card", assists eligible clients with the purchase of certain basic items not ordinarily covered by Medicare or private health plans. Programs include Dental, Vision, Convalescent/ Rehab (including wheelchairs and seating), Hearing Aid, Hyperalimentation, Orthopedic, Ostomy/ Incontinence, Oxygen, Pharmaceutical (allergy serum only) and Prosthetic. Please refer to the Health Services section of the FCS website for more detailed information regarding benefits at http://www.gnb.ca/0017/Health%20Services/index-e.asp.

Note: Convalescent equipment may be recycled and loaned, when appropriate, through an arrangement with the Easter Seals NB organization.

A health card is provided to the following clients of the Department of Family and Community Services:

- Social Assistance clients and their dependents;
- Individuals who have special health needs and qualify under Section 4.4 of the Family Income Security Act and Regulations for extended health care;
- Children in the care of the Minister;
- Residents of nursing homes, special care homes, community residences and psychiatric hospitals
- Children with special needs who are clients of the Community Based Services for Children with Special Needs Program (CBSCSN), where the family demonstrates financial needs. These children may receive a health card for specific items directly related to the child's special needs;
- Children where it has been recommended that income assistance be provided for board and lodging (Section 22).

2) Health Card

A health card is provided to residents of psychiatric hospitals whose care is subsidized by the Department of Health and Wellness. A general description of health card benefits can be found under the section "Health Services Program" of the Department of Family and Community Services.

3) Family and Community Social Services (FCSS)

In certain situations, special items or equipment are purchased by FCSS to meet specific needs to FCSS clients if these needs cannot be met through the health card. These situations are considered on an individual basis. FCSS local offices are listed on page 4 of this document.

4) Nursing Home Services (NHS)

There are situations where special items or equipment are approved for purchase by NHS to meet specific needs of individuals residing in a nursing home. If these needs cannot be met through the health card or through the Seniors Rehabilitation Equipment Program, these needs are considered on an individual basis.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Revenue and Taxation Division, Refund Section
P.O. Box 3000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5G5

Telephone: (506) 453-2404
Fax: (506) 457-7335
Website: www.gnb.ca/0024/index-e.asp

1) 8% Portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

Upon the purchase of a motor vehicle in the Province of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Government may refund the 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) for persons with disabilities if:

- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle (e.g. hydraulic lifts); or
- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle (does not include spinner knobs); and
- the motor vehicle is not operated by any person for the purpose of earning a profit for any person or as part of any undertaking carried on for gain; and
- the claimant is not eligible for any other GST/HST credit or rebate related to this purchase.

Applications for refund of the 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) (form HST-R-02) can be obtained at any Service New Brunswick Centre or by contacting the Revenue & Taxation Division, Department of Finance at (506) 453-2404.

Along with the application the claimant must submit the following **necessary supporting documents**:

- copy of bill of sale and/or New Brunswick tax receipt;
- proof that the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle; or
- proof that the motor vehicle is fitted with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle, truck, or van;
- a letter from a medical practitioner certifying that the person is disabled.

Please Note: Any inquiry related to all other types of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) refunds must be made to the Canada Revenue Agency at 1 (800) 959-5525.

2) 14% Provincial Vehicle Tax (PVT)

Upon the purchase of a motor vehicle in the Province of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Government may refund the 14% Provincial Vehicle Tax (PVT) on private sale transactions for persons with disabilities if:

- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle (e.g. hydraulic lifts); or
- the motor vehicle is specially equipped with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle (does not include spinner knobs); and
- the motor vehicle is not operated by any person for the purpose of earning a profit for any person or as part of any undertaking carried on for gain; and
- the claimant is not eligible for any other GST/HST credit or rebate related to this purchase.

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- proof that the motor vehicle is specially equipped with a device to enable a wheelchair or scooter to enter or leave the passenger vehicle; or
- proof that the motor vehicle is fitted with auxiliary driving controls that are used to facilitate the operation of the passenger vehicle, truck, or van; and
- a letter from a medical practitioner certifying person is disabled.

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

1) Student Financial Services Branch

P.O. Box 6000
548 York Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-2577
Toll-free: 1 (800) 667-5626
Fax: (506) 444-4333
Website: www.studentaid.gnb.ca
www.aideauxetudiants.gnb.ca

Post secondary students with a disability may be eligible for a grant for up to $8,000.00 a year from the federal government to cover exceptional education-related costs associated with certain permanent disabilities.

To apply for the Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities, one must apply to the Student Loan Program to demonstrate need and fill out a separate application form for the grant.

Rehabilitation equipment needed in order to participate in the educational program are eligible expenses to be considered for the grant, along with other supports.

In addition, a new Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities is now available to address the unmet financial need of students with disabilities. The CSG-PD is designed to provide an incentive to students with permanent disabilities to participate in post secondary studies and decrease financial barriers. Persons with disabilities will be allowed an up-front grant of up to $2,000 to help reduce reliance on student loans.

2) Training and Employment Support Services (TESS)
Website: www.gnb.ca/0311/2ee.htm
Employment Regional Offices:

Bathurst:	(506) 549-5268	Campbellton:	(506) 789-2514
Caraquet:	(506) 726-2067	Edmundston:	(506) 735-2152
Fredericton:	(506) 453-7946	Miramichi:	(506) 627-4004
Moncton:	(506) 856-2512	Saint John:	(506) 643-6964

The Training and Employment Support Services (TESS) for Persons with Disabilities program offers training and employment services that enable persons with disabilities to achieve their occupational goal or obtain employment.

The purpose of TESS is to decrease the barriers faced by persons with disabilities so that they may be as competitive as the non-disabled population in their search for employment.

Although everybody's needs are different, some of the services a TESS client may be eligible for include counseling to help decide on a career plan, adaptive

equipment required to pursue a career goal, and assistance with special educational or training costs.

Training and Employment Support Services may cover items such as:

- training – tuition, books, tutor, translator, living expenses, and training supplies (many of these are covered only to the extent of making them usable, such as converting text to braille, etc.)
- employment – assessment and counselling, job search and coaching, entrepreneurial planning and work site, home and vehicle modification
- adaptive and assistive – technologies, tools and equipment, ergonomic aids, specialized transportation, and needs assessment
- job crisis – workplace mediation and specialized services

The level of funding varies depending upon the support service utilized and financial need.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Vehicle Retrofit Program
Strategic Development &
Intergovernmental Relations
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Claudette McAllister, Coordinator
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Website : www.gnb.ca/0113/index-e.asp

Vehicle Retrofit Program

This program is designed to increase the mobility of persons with a disability residing in the province of New Brunswick by providing financial assistance towards the cost of supplying and installing eligible retrofitting and accessibility features for vehicles.

Grants are available to eligible applicants up to 80% of the first $5 625 and 50% of the next $7 000 towards the cost of eligible accessibility features for a new or existing vehicle, up to a maximum grant amount of $8 000. This grant amount is renewable every 10 years for individuals and 5 years for organizations. Eligible applicants include individual residents, organizations, municipalities or private companies providing transportation services to persons with a disability, all of which must reside or be based within the province of New Brunswick.

Some examples of retrofitting and accessibility features eligible for assistance under the program are:

- wheelchair lifts and ramps
- hand controls, steering devices and left-foot gas pedals
- wheelchair restraint systems
- special needs seating
- roof, floor and door alterations (if part of an accessible retrofit)
- scooter lifts

Consideration may be given to other features not listed above.

ORGANIZATIONS

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY -NB Division

P.O. Box 2089
Saint John, NB E2L 3T5

Telephone: (506) 634-6272
or 1 (800) 455-9090
Fax: (506) 634-3808
Cancer Information Services line: 1 (888) 939-3333
Website: www.nb.cancer.ca

The Canadian Cancer Society – New Brunswick Division may assist cancer patients with ground transportation costs for cancer treatments (chemotherapy and radiation).

Residents of New Brunswick who have been diagnosed with cancer who are in financial need are encouraged to apply.

Our eligibility criteria use a sliding scale that takes income, expense, size of household and savings into account. To request an application, please call 1 (800) 455-9090.

The Canadian Cancer Society – New Brunswick Division also works with Easter Seals New Brunswick to cover the cost of up to 2 pieces of recycled equipment for cancer patients in financial need.

Other practical support items available and free of charge include:

- Temporary breast prostheses
- Wigs

CANADIAN DEAFBLIND AND RUBELLA ASSOCIATION (NB/PEI CHAPTER)

181 Westmorland Street Suite 301
Fredericton, NB E3B 3L6

Telephone: (506) 452-1544
Fax: (506) 451-8309
E-mail: cdbra@nb.aibn.com
Website: www.deafblind.nb.ca

This non-profit organization has a small program to help deafblind individuals obtain new/recycled communication devices, hearing aids, vision aids and computers.

CANADIAN RED CROSS – NB Region

P.O. Box 39
70 Lansdowne Avenue
Saint John, NB E2L 3X3

Telephone: (506) 674-6200
Fax: (506) 674-6129
24-hour Homemaker: 1 (800) 588-4881
Website: www.redcross.ca

24-Hour Emergency Service
Contact: Greg Forestell

Telephone: 1 (800) 222-9597

Several types of equipment, from wheelchair cushions to specialized wheelchairs, are loaned to persons **over 65 years of age** through their government-funded **Seniors' Rehabilitative Specialized Equipment Program** by calling (506) 647-6150. A written referral from a health professional is required for this service and should be directed to the Canadian Red Cross, at the above address.

Referrals for specialized equipment for individuals 65 years of age and over should be directed to the attention of the **Specialized Rehabilitative Equipment Coordinator** at the **Regional Office in Saint John**.

Standard equipment is also loaned to persons under 65 years of age. Contact (506) 674-6146.

Not all programs of the community-based senior services are offered in all areas. If a client has any questions regarding services offered in their area, they should contact the nearest District Office:

Southern District Offices

Saint John District Office:
70 Lansdowne Avenue
P.O. Box 39
Saint John, NB E2L 3X3
Telephone: (506) 674-6132
Fax: (506) 674-6129

Sussex District Office:
58 A Willow Court
Sussex, NB E4E 2L2
Telephone: (506) 433-5886
Fax: (506) 433-3588

Northern District Offices

Bathurst District Office:
216 Main Street, Suite 101
Bathurst, NB E2A 1A8
Telephone: (506) 548-2824
Fax: (506) 548-0831

Campbellton District Office:
5 Adam Street
Campbellton, NB E3N 2T9
Telephone: (506) 759-8521
Fax: (506) 753-2487

Tracadie District Office:
613-3 Rivière à la Truite Road
P.O. Box 3478, Station Main
Tracadie-Sheila, NB E1X 1G5
Telephone: (506) 395-2010
Fax: (506) 395-7223

Edmundston District Office:
173 Victoria Street
Edmundston, NB E3V 2H7
Telephone: (506) 736-0050
Fax: (506) 736-0055

Grand Falls District Office:
136A Church Street
Grand Falls, NB E3Z 2N9
Telephone: (506) 473-5897
Fax: (506) 473-6974

Eastern District Offices

Moncton District Office:
246 Lutz Street
Moncton, NB E1C 5G3
Telephone: (506) 863-2650
Fax: (506) 863-2662

Richibucto District Office:
85 Acadie Street
Richibucto, NB E4W 3V2
Telephone: (506) 523-4479
Fax: (506) 523-4086

Sackville District Office:
8 Main Street
Sackville, NB E4L 4A3
Telephone: (506) 364-8813
Fax: (506) 364-0183

Central District Offices

Fredericton District Office:
318 Maple Street
Fredericton, NB E3A 3R4
Telephone: (506) 458-8445
Fax: (506) 454-7522

Woodstock District Office:
110 Richmond Street, Unit 10
Woodstock, NB E7M 2N9
Telephone: (506) 328-8881
Fax: (506) 328-3180

EASTER SEALS NEW BRUNSWICK (CRCD)

65 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1G5

Telephone: (506) 458-8739
Fax: (506) 457-2863
E-mail: info@easterseals.nb.ca
Website: www.easterseals.nb.ca

This non-profit organization has a major program to provide financial assistance and/or to recycle a wide variety of rehabilitation equipment to persons with physical disabilities.

Items include mobility aids, communication devices, personal care assistive devices for feeding and dressing, environmental controls, breathing assistance, orthotics, portable ramps, pain control devices, bathroom aids, special mattresses/pads, computers, and orthopedic equipment.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF CANADA (ATLANTIC DIVISION)

71 Ilsley Avenue, Unit 12
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1L5

Telephone: (902) 468-8230
Toll-free number: 1 (800) 268-7582
Fax: (902) 468-5328
E-mail: info.atlantic@mssociety.ca
Website: www.mssociety.ca/altantic

The **Equipment Provision Program** (EPP) assists individuals in purchasing specific equipment.

Funded equipment includes:

- Mobility and assistive devices
- Minor home modifications
- Bathroom equipment (accessibility and safety devices)
- Equipment repair
- Air conditioners

Please contact the Coordinator of Client Services if you have questions regarding types of equipment funded.

The **Special Assistance Program** (SAP) has been designed to meet essential quality of life needs faced by persons with MS. Funding is provided for incontinence products and Lifeline.

The **Special Assistance Program – Transportation** assists with costs associated with attending unexpected medically necessary appointments which required long distance travel, or emergency transportation. Please not that all travel plans must be approved before travel is made in order to be eligible for funding.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA

203 - 56 Avonlea Court
Fredericton, NB E3C 1N8

Telephone: (506) 450-6322
Toll-free: 1 (888) 647-6322
Fax: (506) 458-2205
E-mail: judy.spink@muscle.ca
Website: www.muscle.ca

Muscular Dystrophy Canada provides, to people registered with them, basic medical equipment, on loan, from a stock of recycled devices such as scooters, manual and electric wheelchairs, and hospital beds. Some funding assistance may be available for the purchase of new equipment. If a request is made for a device that the Association does not cover, or only partially covers, Muscular Dystrophy Canada staff may be able to suggest other sources of funding.

NEW BRUNSWICK LUNG ASSOCIATION

65 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1G5

Telephone: (506) 455-8961
Fax: (506) 462-0939
E-mail: nblung@nbnet.nb.ca
Website: www.nb.lung.ca

This non-profit organization has a small program to assist through the recycling of some respiratory equipment.

SAINT JOHN DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES INC.

646 Fairville Boulevard, Suite 302
Saint John, NB E2M 4Y7

Telephone: (506) 633-0599
TTY: (506) 634-8037
Fax: (506) 652-3382
E-mail: sjdhhs@nb.sympatico.ca
Website: www.sjdhhs.com

A non-profit organization providing essential services to deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened individuals. Their services include a hearing aid recycling program and they can also assist clients with TESS applications for any technical devices necessary.

SOUTH-EAST DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES INC.

1690 Main Street
Moncton, NB E1E 1G9

Telephone: (506) 859-6101
TTY: (506) 384-8260
Fax: (506) 856-5060
E-mail: mhic@nbnet.nb.ca
Website: www.south-eastdeaf.nb.ca

This organization is a non-profit United Way Agency dedicated to providing programs and services for Deaf, Deafened, and hard of hearing adults in Southeastern New Brunswick. The agency recycles hearing aids and communication aids. New Brunswickers are able to purchase Special Needs products through the agency as well. The agency also acts as a consultant in other areas of the province.

STAN CASSIDY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION

800 Priestman Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 0C7

Telephone: (506) 452-5225
Fax: (506) 452-5190

This is the provincial tertiary neurological rehabilitation centre. The Centre provides professional rehabilitation services in client assessment, prescription, fabrication and/or modification of certain rehabilitation equipment related to mobility, adapted seating, communications, driving, personal care, etc.

The Centre generally relies on funding from other sources to enable the client to obtain necessary rehabilitation equipment. From time to time the Centre is also able to recycle some items donated for that purpose. Referrals on behalf of clients are also made to third parties for accessing appropriate recycled equipment.

UNION OF NEW BRUNSWICK INDIANS

370 Wilsey Road
Fredericton, NB E3B 6E9

Telephone: (506) 458-9444
Fax: (506) 458-2850
E-mail: lobby@unbi.org

Status Indians are able to access rehabilitation equipment through programs available through Non-Insured Health Benefits, Health Canada.

VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

Atlantic Region
40 Alderney Drive
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2N5

Service in English: 1 (866) 522-2122
Service in French: 1 (866) 522-2022
E-mail: information@vac-acc.gc.ca

New Brunswick District Offices:

Campbellton:
157 Water St.
5th floor, room 501
Campbellton, NB E3N 3L4

Saint John:
Customs Building
189 Prince William St, 5th floor
Saint John, NB E2L 2B9

A number of programs are available to provide assistance to eligible veterans, civilians, their dependents and survivors.

The **Veterans Independence Program** is aimed at helping clients remain healthy and independent in their homes and communities.

Treatment and Other Health-Related Benefits consist of medical, surgical, dental and vision care, prosthetic devices, home adaptations and supplementary benefits such as travel costs for examinations or treatment.

The **Long Term Care Program** looks after the needs of veterans requiring long-term institutional care.

THE WAR AMPS

National Headquarters (Ottawa)
2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Telephone: 1 (800) 465-2677
Fax: (613) 731-3234
E-mail: communications@waramps.ca
Website: www.waramps.ca

Adult Prosthetics Program
Telephone: 1 (877) 622-2472
Fax: (613) 731-3234
E-mail: nac@waramps.ca

CHAMP Program (Ottawa)
Telephone: 1 (800) 267-4023
Fax: 1 (866) 235-0350
E-mail: champ@waramps.ca

CHAMP Program (Montréal)
Les Amputés de guerre
Programme LES VAINQUEURS
503 – 606 Cathcart Street
Montréal, QB H3B 1K9

Telephone: 1 (800) 265-0494
Fax: 1 (877) 600-6212
E-mail: vainqueur@amputesdeguerre.ca

The War Amps assist, protect and bind together Canadian war, civilian and child amputees through financial assistance with artificial limbs and rehabilitation, counseling, emotional support, regional seminars and information on latest prosthetic developments.

National Amputee Centre – Educates amputees and family members about all aspects of amputation, including the latest information on artificial limbs and products, through a comprehensive library of information and the War Amps web (www.waramps.ca) site selection. Contact the National Amputee Centre at 1 (877) NAC-CIPA [1 (877) 622-2472] or via E-mail at nac@waramps.ca for more information.

Child Amputee – up to 18 years of age (CHAMP) Program – Children missing a limb or limbs at birth, from medical causes or due to an accident may enroll in CHAMP. The program offers financial assistance for artificial limbs and related

expenses and provides financial assistance for specially designed recreational limbs and adaptive devices.

JUMPSTART assists "Super Champs" (multiple amputee youngsters) with computers and computer training as an educational aid now to ensure their employment opportunities in the future. Contact the CHAMP Program for more information.

WORKPLACE HEALTH, SAFETY AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Assistive Devices Program
P. O. Box 160
Saint John, NB E2L 3X9

Telephone: (506) 738-4029
Fax: (506) 738-3470
E-mail: steevesm@whscc.nb.ca

The Workers' Rehabilitation Centre's (WRC) Assistive Devices Program provides the following devices designed to maximize a client's function and independence:

- Prosthesis artificial limbs designed to replace an amputated limb;
- Orthoses braces or splints designed to prevent or correct deformities, to protect painful body parts, or to improve function;
- Wheelchairs customized for the client;
- Specialized devices to assist with the activities of work (e.g. modified tools) and daily living (e.g. adaptations in the home).

The specialized program team consists of certified prosthetists and orthotists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, physicians, and prosthetic / orthotic technicians. Consulting services from psychologists and dieticians are also available as needed. Services related to this program are provided by the entire multidisciplinary team, or representatives from a single discipline, depending upon the needs of the client.

Length of Program

The services provided under this program vary in duration. Services are provided at the WRC from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, or off-site as needed by the client.

Referral Options

The Assistive Devices Program offers the following treatment options:

- Amputee Rehab: admission to multidisciplinary treatment team for the rehabilitation of new amputees or amputees requiring intensive rehabilitation.

- Assistive Devices: specify artificial limb, splinting, bracing, insoles, adapted footwear, ankle support, wheelchair, ADL device.

- Assessment: assessment by a prosthetist / orthotist, physiotherapist or occupational therapist to make recommendations regarding appropriate assistive device management.

- Off-site evaluation / treatment: request for off-site evaluation / treatment including home evaluation, off-site prosthetic / orthotic management, wheelchair assessment, provided at the client's home or in the region.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

- Recover part of costs of premiums and payments made for rehabilitation equipment purchased by the individual or family involved through income tax deductions. Contact Canada Revenue at 1 (800) 959-8281.
- Blue Cross Senior's Health Program, Moncton, NB Call 1 (800) 565-0065
- Local Service Clubs - Check for listings in your local telephone book
- Church Groups
- Employer Health Benefits Plans
- Private Insurance Plans
- Civil actions in cases of injuries caused by accidents, etc.
- Automobile Insurance Coverage in cases of automobile accidents

USEFUL LINKS – ASSISTANCE DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

- enable link - See resources and Product and Service Catalogue
  www.enablelink.org
- The Assistive Devices Industry Office - Industry Canada
  www.at-links.gc.ca/AS/AS001E.ASP
- ABLEDATA
  www.abledata.com